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Hello, subscribers. Introductions are in order — I'm Taylor Kate Brown, the San Francisco Chronicle's newsletter editor. Monday through Friday, I write Bay Briefing, where you can start your day with the best of the Chronicle's coverage. Today I'm enjoying this fascinating story by wine critic Esther Mobley about why crossing state lines with wine grapes has gotten one vintner in so much trouble.

Top Stories

Millennium Tower homeowners propose $100 million solution to sinking problem

By J.K. Dineen

The proposed “perimeter pile upgrade” involves 52 steel and concrete piles that will shift the building’s weight to bedrock about 250 feet below.

SF crime epidemic: ‘Porch pirates’ swiping packages from doorsteps

By Heather Knight

Car break-ins have plagued S.F. But there's another pervasive crime here that doesn't get as much attention.

Debate over shelter beds in SF's Bayview ignites grassroots effort

By Ashley McBride

"How much must the southeast of S.F. shoulder?" Supervisor Malia Cohen asked. "There should be an equitable distribution of homeless services."

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Bay Area News

Developers jockey to be 1st to build in rezoned South of Market hot spot

By J.K. Dineen

One project has a public pool. Another offers affordable space for artists. They're among many proposals for a chunk of development in SoMa.

Free preschool gains momentum with California

lawmakers

By Melody Gutierrez

Legislators who have long vowed to expand free preschool for children were sworn into office Monday with a new plan and a new ally.

Pot retailers may be limited to four storefronts under SF proposal

By Trisha Thadani

Some believe the plan could help level the playing field in the fledgling industry by ensuring it's not dominated by one major business.

Celebrated journalist Ray Taliaferro found dead in Kentucky

By Ashley McBride

The longtime journalist and radio host was found dead in Paducah, Ky., 3 weeks after he had been reported missing.

Crab fishermen and environmentalists confront whale entanglement problems

By Tara Duggan

Climate change is bringing migrating whales closer to the shores, and subsequently a record number of marine mammals have died because of fishing gear.

Camp Fire: 28,000 Butte County students return to school weeks after tragedy

By Gwendolyn Wu

Classrooms welcomed back 28,000 students affected by the Camp Fire, more than three weeks after the inferno ripped through Paradise and Magalia.

The Scanner: Oakland police watchdog sees more faulty stats; Richmond PD in turmoil

By Kimberly Veklerov and Sarah Ravani

The monitor overseeing Oakland police reforms said he found more evidence that officers pointed guns at suspects without reporting their actions as required.

Chilly rainstorms moving into Bay Area, with snowfall heading for Lake Tahoe

By Ashley McBride

Bay Area residents should brace for cold sheets of rain as unusually low temps accompany two storms expected to blanket the region through Saturday.

Conservative groups settle campus bias suit with UC Berkeley

By Bob Egelko

Conservative groups who accused UC Berkeley of discriminating against their campus speakers dropped their lawsuit.

Ex-SF Orchid Society treasurer pleads not guilty to embezzling

By Steve Rubenstein

Prosecutors say Jack Ryder, 46, allegedly withdrew cash from the society's accounts for his personal use from 2015 to 2017.

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Politics

Pelosi recommends Rep. Lee for Dem leadership job after close loss

By Tal Kopan

Oakland Rep. Barbara Lee will be in House Democratic leadership after all.

Socialist candidate for Assembly can sue over ballot designation, court says

By Bob Egelko

A court reinstated a free-speech lawsuit by an Assembly hopeful who had to list his party affiliation on the primary election ballot as “none.”

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Sporting Green

Warriors return to pass-happy blueprint in rout of Hawks

By Connor Letourneau

In its 128-111 win over the Hawks, Golden State finally returned to the free-flowing style that has defined its three championship runs.

NFL fumbles domestic-violence issue ... again

By Ann Killion

Where's the next video? When was the last incident the NFL didn't follow up on? What's going to surface next?

49ers enduring historically bad 4-season stretch

By Eric Branch

The 49ers have never been worse. That's not a statement on the quality of this year's 2-10 team.

Amid losses, Jon Gruden sees Raiders' offense improving

By Matt Kawahara

One sign of progress for the Raiders' offense in their 40-33 loss to the Chiefs on Sunday came on a play that ended with an incompletion.

Will Penn or Lynch play for Raiders again this season?

By Matt Kawahara

Jon Gruden did not sound optimistic about the chances of Donald Penn or Marshawn Lynch playing again for the team this season.

‘Put a skirt on’ NFL quarterbacks? OK, you first

By Scott Ostler

The new emphasis on protecting QBs must be working, because several of the 32 opening-day starters are still alive.

Cal, Stanford coaches will lead U.S. swim teams in 2020 Olympics

By Rusty Simmons

In recent talks about the future of USA Swimming, David Durden found himself in awe of the legends who have coached the team.

Warriors dealt with meningitis scare late in 2017-18 season

By Connor Letourneau

Eight months after David West alluded to some unreported adversity the team had encountered on its way to a second straight title, the issue has been revealed.

Luka Modric, Ada Hegerberg make soccer history

By Ann Killion

Soccer history was made in Paris: Croatian star Luka Modric won the Ballon D’Or award for the first time.

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Biz+Tech

Marriott and SF hotel workers reach agreement to end strike

By Roland Li

The strike encompassed some of the city's largest hotels, including the Courtyard Marriott Downtown, the Marriott Marquis, and the W.

Data breach at San Mateo Medical Center: Patient records not shredded

By Catherine Ho

The health info of up to 500 patients at San Mateo County's public hospital may have been jeopardized after a recycling mixup.

California lawmaker tries again to gradually ban gas cars

By J.D. Morris

Assemblyman Phil Ting's bill asks the state to come up with a plan to ensure all cars sold in the state are free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.

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Opinion Central

Editorial: Trump makes big trade promises, but read the fine print

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President Trump's initiation of a potential trade war was never going to force China to change.

Editorial: Republicans' bitter ballot harvest

Chronicle Editorial Board

For teams that suffer a defeat, there's always complaining about the refs. Hence Republicans' spin on the congressional election.

Governor — offer more hope to those serving long prison sentences

By Sam Lewis

Gov. Jerry Brown has issued more than 1,100 pardons and commuted more than 150 sentences since taking office in 2011.

The virtues of a public spirited patrician

By E.J. Dionne Jr.

George H.W. Bush was legendary for his thank-you notes. He wrote thousands of them, expressing appreciation for kindnesses large and small.

Pensions are promises California must keep

By Dave Low

As the state Supreme Court considers cases that raise retirement issues, there is much wrangling over the issues being litigated.

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Food & Culture

Michael Mina is opening a market in Cow Hollow: Indie Superette

By Justin Phillips

The prolific restaurateur is once again expanding his food empire , but this time opening a health-focused market in Cow Hollow.

Restoration Hardware's luxe new Yountville compound combines food, wine and retail

By Jennifer Raiser

When Restoration Hardware acquired a historic winery down the road from the French Laundry, and took out a restaurant permit, it seemed like a bold move.

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Datebook

'Mrs. Maisel' is back, still delightful and undaunted

By Joshua Kosman

Among the many pleasures of the Emmy-winning show is the way it itself mirrors the unquenchable energy of its heroine.

Queen announces North America ‘Rhapsody’ tour with Adam Lambert

By Aidin Vaziri

The 23-date arena tour kicks off July 10 and runs through Aug. 23, with a stop at the SAP Center in San Jose on July 13.

She is leaving the world a better place

By Nick Hoppe

The sweetest woman in the world is dying. As I write this, she’s lying in her bed in a nursing home 45 miles north of Montreal.

Thanks to one woman, a Presidio theater to be re-born

By Leah Garchik

Even before the transformed Presidio Theatre opens to the public next fall, it has made a contribution to the community.

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Chronicle Vault

Chronicle Covers: Free Speech Movement's arresting origins

By Tim O'Rourke

Their voices were heard. Our front page from Dec. 4, 1964, covers the arrests of around 800 free-speech protesters on the UC Berkeley campus.

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